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- Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111 (9 pgs.);
- Petition for Two Months Extension of Time (2 pgs.);
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- Attachment:  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: STEINBUCHER et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/750,986  
FILED: 28 December 2000  
FOR: SYNTHETIC ENZYMES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CONIFERYL  
ALCOHOL, CONIFERALDEHYDE, FERULIC ACID, VANILLIN AND  
VANILLIC ACID AND THEIR USE  
ART UNIT: 1652  
EXAMINER: Delia Ramirez

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated 2 July 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows as stated in the "Amendments to the Specification"; "Amendments to the Claims" and "Amendments to the Drawings" sections (as applicable) in this response.

**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

**ADDITIONAL FEE**

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